

BEAUFORT DELTA DIVISIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL



Aklavik, Ft. McPherson, Inuvik, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, Tsiigehtchic, Tuktoyaktuk, Ulukhaktok

Meeting of District Education Council

June 29th 2023

5:15 pm

Hosted via Zoom

DEC Trustees

Present

Rebecca Blake – Fort McPherson DEA Chair (FDEA)

Darlene Gruben – Tuktoyaktuk/BDDEC Chair (TDEA/BDDEC)

Janna Wolki – Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) Representative

Evelyn Storr - Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC) Rep

Jenna MacNeil – Inuvik DEA Chair (IDEA)

Regrets

Mina McLeod – Aklavik DEA Chair

Archie Inglangasuk Jr – Tsiigehtchic DEA Chair

Gilbert Thrasher Sr. – Paulatuk DEA Chair

Derek Squirrel – Ulukhaktok DEA Chair & Member at Large

Sachs Harbour DEA Chair – Vacant

BDDEC Staff

Comptroller Gary McBride – present

Superintendent Devin Roberts – present

Call to Order

Chair Darlene Gruben called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm

Motion #2023-06-29-01

Review/Approval of Agenda

Motioned – Rebecca Blake DEA

Seconded – Jenna MacNeil Inuvik DEA

Motion carried by all

Presentation of the BDDEC budget

Comptroller Gary McBride presented the BDDEC budget for 2023-24. Comptroller Gary McBride noted that the council is in sound financial standing and therefore will run a deficit for 2023-24. Comptroller

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Gary McBride explained the three main pots of funding for BDDEC, which included Territorial Schools, Inclusive Schooling and Indigenous Languages. BDDEC has also received significant third party funding from JP/CFI over the past four years.

Comptroller Gary McBride spoke to issues of purchasing a truck with BDDEC funds. Comptroller McBride noted that we have accounted for the possibility of purchasing new trucks in the 2023-24 which should prevent BDDEC from undergoing similar issues it faced with the GNWT in 2022-23 over the purchasing of new trucks.

Jenna MacNeil – Inuvik DEA Chair – Question. What do we do with the budget after?

Superintendent Devin Roberts – We provide a copy of BDDEC Operating Plan and budget to the Department of Education Culture and Employment (GNWT). Chair Darlene Gruben emails the annual report and audited statements to the Minister of Education. Eventually the OP and budget go to the NWT Legislative Assembly. Later the Operating Plan becomes the annual report and is shared online for the public to see. BDDEC also posts our annual reports on the new BDDEC webpage at beaufortdeltadec.ca

Superintendent Devin Roberts – You as a council passed the budget last June, which allowed us to provide extra teachers in the school. We have also hired additional traveling teachers to support small schools. We cannot sustain this type of budget forever and therefore we have cut back the amount of PY's for 2023-24 compared to 2022-23. 193.97 PY compared to 217.12 PY.

Chair Darlene Gruben – Any other questions about the budget or operating plan?

Jenna MacNeil – Inuvik DEA Chair – No further questions.

Rebecca Blake – Fort McPherson DEA Chair – No questions, thank you.

Janna Wolki – Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) Representative – No questions

Evelyn Storr - Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC) Rep – No further questions

Chair Darlene Gruben called for a motion to accept the BDDEC budget and operating plan for 2023-24.

Motion #2023-06-29-02

Motioned – Rebecca Blake – Fort McPherson DEA

Seconded – Evelyn Storr – IRC

Motion carried by all

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Date of next meeting

A doodle poll will be circulated by Superintendent Devin Roberts to select a date for a virtual meeting in November 2023.

Adjournment

Motion #2023-06-29-03

Motioned – Rebecca Blake. – Fort McPherson DEA

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm